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Applicant: Nathan E. Marushak et al.

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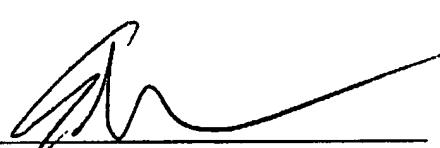
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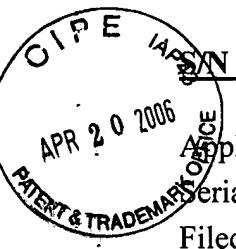

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

This Amendment is in response to an Official Action in this case mailed on February 15, 2006. Applicants are filing this Amendment within the three month shortened statutory period or before May 15, 2006. The Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 9 of this paper.